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Appointment of Development Commissioner.

* 25 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government are about to appoint a Development Commissioner;

(*b*) if so, the name of the officer;

(*c*) his special qualifications;

(*d*) whether he will be a full-time officer;

(*e*) the scope of his functions;

(*f*) the status and salary of the officer; and

(*g*) whether the post was advertised for?

THE HON SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) There is a proposal under consideration of the Government to create a post of a Development Commissioner.

" (*b*) & (*c*) An officer will be selected as soon as the post is created.

" (*d*) Details have not been settled yet.

" (*e*) He will be charged with the task of planning, organizing and supervising the execution of schemes relating to rural development in this Province.

" (*f*) He will be a senior civilian of the status of a Member of the Board of Revenue and will draw pay in the scale appropriate to his status.

" (*g*) No."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I ask why is it that for such an important post the Government do not advertise?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" In the opinion of the Government, this is not a post which should be advertised for, because there are persons in service who are well-fitted to take the place and serve soon after the selection is made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know whether there are any rules as to what posts should be filled by advertisement and what posts by promotion?"

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—" So far as the present office is concerned, it is not a case for which any advertisement should be made. As regards other offices for which advertisement may be called for, a separate question may be put and answer will be given."

Exemption from the Weekly Holidays Act.

* 26 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Weekly Holidays Act (1942) is in force in respect of all undertakings including firms, shops, etc.;

(*b*) whether there are any establishments who have on representation been exempted from the operation of the provisions of the Act; and

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(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government propose to withdraw all such exemptions?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) Weekly Holidays Act, 1942, applies to all retail shops, restaurants and theatres.

" (*b*) No establishments have been exempted from all the provisions of the Act. But certain shops which deal in essential and daily needs of the community have been exempted only from the provisions of section 3 of the Act, viz., from compulsory closure for one day in the week.

" (*c*) I am looking into the matter and if the hon. Member later puts a question, I shall answer."

Appointment of an Additional Joint Director of Industries.

* 27 *Q.*—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have appointed an Additional Joint Director of Industries; and

(*b*) if so, his name and qualifications; and whether the post was advertised for?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Justice Byers' case.

* 28 *Q.*—SRI B. BHIMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to take any further action in the case in which Justice Byers of the Madras High Court was discharged; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" (*a*) No further action is proposed to be taken by way of revision to the High Court.

" (*b*) Government has been advised against taking such a course."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Will it not be in the interests of Justice Byers himself that the case is considered by a Bench of the High Court in fairness to him? "

THE HON SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" He is not here to answer for himself, Sir."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that there is a large body of public opinion that he should not come and sit as a judge again? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" The Government are aware of it."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are the Government going to make any representation to His Majesty's Government that his services should be terminated after the expiry of the present leave? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" It is a matter solely in the hands of His Majesty. A representation may be made in course of time."